

One Accord

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Prayer / Prayer; Unity / Acts 1:14

How were the 12 Disciples and their rag-tag group of believers about the spread the gospel around the world in one generation? How can we access the same power they had for evangelism? What has united prayer got to do with all of this?

Notes

United Prayer is an important concept. We are often called to unite in prayer. We will be looking at multiple examples but especially the example of the disciples before Pentecost.

- Nebraska
 - brandings

Intending to raise cattle, a family from New York bought a ranch out West. When their friends visited and inquired about the ranch's name, the would be rancher replied: "I wanted to name it the Bar-J. My wife favored Suzy-Q, one of our sons wanted the Flying-W, and the other liked the Lazy-Y. So we're calling it the BAR-J-Suzy-Q-Flying-W-Lazy-Y."

Power of Pentecost

- Look at the unity

Acts 1:14 ESV

All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the

women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

- From
 - in fighting
- To
 - Unity
- From
 - drama
- To
 - peace
- From
 - confusion
- To
 - clarity
- From
 - betray
- To
 - Surrender

- From
 - disbelief
- To
 - Absolute Faith
- From
 - disappointment
- To
 - appointment

- Like a movie
 - drama
 - action
 - emotion

- Like a movie
 - but real
 - eternal.

- Power is:
 - changed hearts
 - UNITY

Unity

- We all want unity.
- Nobody likes
 - chaos
 - discord
 - broken relationship
 - animosity
 - apathy
- Seek
 - harmony
 - connection

- Greatest unity
 - Spiritual unity

- Why?
 - A.W. Tozer
 - *The Pursuit of God*

“Has it ever occurred to you that one hundred pianos all tuned to the same fork are automatically tuned to each other? They are of one accord by being tuned, not to each other, but to another standard to which each one must individually bow. So one hundred worshipers [meeting] together, each one looking away to Christ, are in heart nearer to each other than they could possibly be, were they to become ‘unity’ conscious and turn their eyes away from God to strive for closer fellowship.”

- Let’s study
 - this tuning process

- Look at Pentecost
 - Background Context

- Assencion Day
 - Calls them to Him
 - Mount of Olives
 - Ready to leave
 - Gives Promise
- Promises

Acts 1:4-5 ESV

And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

and again:

Acts 1:8 ESV

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

- Twice Promises Power

- Then He disappears

- Instruction:
 - Wait in Jerusalem
 - Power of the Spirit

- Wait...

- Do nothing???

- 10 days
 - of waiting...

- Flurry of activity
 - remembering
 - repenting
 - reconciling
 - forgiving
 - Bible study

- One important Aspect

Acts 1:14 ESV

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- Among all things
 - devoted to prayer.
- Prayer Premanent
 - Most Important

The Result?

Acts 2:1 NKJV

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

- they were ready
 - ready for power
 - ready for service

Earnest United Prayer

- changes hearts
- creates harmony

United vs. Private

- Need both
 - private
 - united
- Private
 - long
- Public Worship
 - short
- United Prayer Time
 - long

The promise is made on the condition that the united prayers of the church are offered, and in answer to these prayers, there may be expected a power greater

than that which comes in answer to private prayer. The power given will be proportionate to the unity of the members and their love for God and for one another.” Manuscript Releases, vol. 9, p. 303 (Letter 32, 1903, p. 5)

Organize Prayer

Joel 1:14 *ESV*

Consecrate a fast;

call a solemn assembly.

Gather the elders

and all the inhabitants of the land

to the house of the LORD your God,

and cry out to the LORD.

- Prayer Meeting
 - Come

- Prayer Line

- GCC

- Prayer and Fasting Day

Historical Sketches of the Foreign Missions of the Seventh-day Adventists Appeals for Our Missions

In every church there should be stated seasons for united prayer for the advancement of this work. Let all be united, having a specific object for their faith and entreaties. Brethren, move high heaven with your prayers for God to work with the efforts of his servants.

- April 3
 - First Sabbath of Quarter

**Day of Fasting and Praying
April 3, 2021**

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 - Soul Winning Ministry
 - Youth Ministry
 - Collegiate Class
 - Building Project
 - Deacon Ministry

Appeal

- Come Together
- Pray Together
- Unite Together